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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Allowed Claims/Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 54-56, and further that the Examiner has indicated the subject matter of claims 2, 7-9 and 12-49 are patentable and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

2. § 112 Rejections

In view of the amendment to claim 10, applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

3. § 102 Rejections

In view of the amendment to claim 1, applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,998,300 (the Ackerman patent).

The Examiner asserts that Ackerman discloses and shows a burner manifold including a plurality of inlets and a plurality of outlets. However, Ackerman does not disclose the fluid passages have a smaller cross section at the fluid outlets than at the fluid inlets

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims 1-4, 6-49, and 54-56 and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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